

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A combination tool comprising:

a mount having a path defined thereat terminating at an opening at one end of said mount, a tape measure blade receiving slot being located in said one end of said mount adjacent to said path; and

5 a knife blade shuttle selectively movable along said path defined at said mount.

2. The combination tool of claim 1 wherein said mount includes a surface at said one end extending angularly relative to said path and having said slot therethrough.

3. The combination tool of claim 2 wherein said surface at said one end of said mount is curvilinear and characterized by surface irregularity for resisting slip.

4. The combination tool of claim 1 wherein said slot and said path are oriented relative to one another in a substantially coplanar relationship.

5. The combination tool of claim 1 wherein said mount includes first and second housing portions that define said slot in said mount at one part of each of said first and second housing portions, said first and second housing portions having means at said one parts thereof for gripping a tape measure blade received in said slot.

6. The combination tool of claim 1 wherein said knife blade shuttle includes a blade holding portion and a manually manipulable portion extending away from said blade holding portion and accessible at said mount at a position spaced from said one end, said combination tool further comprising lock-out means in said mount and cooperative with said manually manipulable portion of said knife blade shuttle for prohibiting movement of knife blade shuttle in a preselected circumstance.

7. A hand tool for measuring and cutting comprising;
a mount including a handle portion and a head portion,
a linear path formed therein between a terminus in said
handle portion and an opening from said head portion, a tape
5 measure blade receiving slot defined in said head portion
and oriented so that said slot and said linear path are
substantially coplanar;

a knife blade shuttle selectively movable along said
linear path formed in said mount between said terminus and
10 said opening; and

a saw blade pivotably connected at said handle portion
of said mount.

8. The hand tool of claim 7 wherein said saw blade is
connected in said handle portion of said mount at an end
thereof opposite said head portion of said mount, said hand
tool further comprising a cam operatively held in said
5 handle portion of said mount and cooperative with said saw
blade at one leg thereof and accessible at an opposite leg
thereof through said mount at a position spaced from said
end of said handle portion of said mount, operation of said
cam required for release of said saw blade from either a
10 stored orientation with said blade interior said mount or a
fully extended orientation with said blade exterior said
mount for use, thereby allowing pivoting movement of said
saw blade to the other of said stored orientation or said
fully extended orientation.

9. The hand tool of claim 8 wherein said knife blade shuttle includes a blade holding portion and a manually manipulable portion extending away from said blade holding portion and accessible through said handle portion of said mount at a position spaced from said head portion for slidably moving said shuttle along said linear path, said manually manipulable portion including a recess therein engageable with said opposite leg of said cam when said knife blade shuttle is moved to said terminus in said handle portion for operating said cam to allow movement of said saw blade.

10. The hand tool of claim 8 wherein said saw blade includes a mounting base for pivotable connection at said handle portion of said mount, said mounting base having first and second detents positioned thereabout at locations corresponding to said stored orientation and said fully extended orientation of said saw blade, respectively, and engageable by said one leg of said cam, said cam including means for biasing said one leg of said cam toward engagement with said detents at said mounting base of said saw blade.

11. The hand tool of claim 7 further comprising a divider in said mount between said knife blade shuttle and said saw blade.

12. The hand tool of claim 11 further comprising a magnetic strip located at said handle portion of said mount at a side of said divider opposite said saw blade for holding a replacement blade usable in said knife blade shuttle.

13. The hand tool of claim 7 wherein said head portion of said mount includes a surface adjacent to said slot, said surface having striations formed therein for resisting slip.

14. A combination tool for cutting drywall comprising:
first and second housing portions forming a mount when
assembled, said mount having a path defined therein by said
first and second housing portions with said path terminating
5 at an opening between said first and second housing portions
at one end of said mount, a tape measure blade receiving
slot defined in said mount by said first and second housing
portions and located in said one end of said mount adjacent
to said path, and an exterior surface of said mount
10 characterized by a plurality of rasp teeth thereat for
filing;

a knife blade shuttle selectively movable along said
path defined in said mount; and

15 a saw blade pivotably connected in an opposite end of
said mount from said one end.

15. The combination tool of claim 14 wherein at least
one of said first and second housing portions includes at
least a first guideway, and wherein said knife blade shuttle
includes a guide, said guideway and said guide cooperatively
containing movement of said knife blade shuttle.

16. The combination tool of claim 14 wherein one of
said first and second housing portions includes a plurality
of detents positioned to be adjacent to said path defined in
said mount, and wherein said knife blade shuttle includes a
5 blade holding portion and a manually manipulable portion
extending away from said blade holding portion, said
manually manipulable portion having a resilient arm between
said blade holding portion and a slide accessible through an
access at said mount defined by said first and second
10 housing portions at a position spaced from said one end of
said mount, a dog located between said slide and said arm
releasably engageable in said detents of said one of said
first and second housing portions.

17. The combination tool of claim 16 further comprising a cam maintained at one of said first and second housing portions and cooperative with said saw blade at one leg thereof and accessible at an opposite leg thereof
5 through said mount adjacent to said access at said position spaced from said one end of said mount, said cam including biasing means for biasing said one leg of said cam toward engagement with said saw blade while biasing said opposite leg of cam through said mount, said slide of said manually manipulable portion of said knife blade shuttle including a recess therein engageable with said opposite leg of said cam when said knife blade shuttle is moved to a retracted position for selectively operating said cam against bias of said biasing means by depressing said slide to allow
10 movement of said saw blade.
15

18. The combination tool of claim 14 wherein said rasp teeth are formed transversely at one of said housing portions and oriented directionally to carry material away from said opening at said one end of said mount.

19. The combination tool of claim 14 wherein said saw blade is mounted at one of said first and second housing portions at the interior of said mount, said saw blade pivotable from a stored orientation within said mount to a
5 fully extended orientation through an elongated space defined in said mount between said first and second housing portions.

20. The combination tool of claim 14 further comprising first and second resilient clips at said first and second housing portions, respectively, adjacent to said slot defined in said mount and configured to cooperatively grip a tape measure blade received in said slot.